In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter involved. The following listing of claims replaces all previous listings of claims.

1. through 16 (canceled)

17. (original) A pneumatic projectile propulsion apparatus, comprising:

a pressure canister for containing a supply of air for pneumatically propelling a projectile, comprising an exit tube through which a projectile is expelled;

a hopper for supplying projectiles to the canister; and

a blower for supplying air to the canister,

wherein the blower is a single electric motor blower that draws less than 15 amps of current, and the apparatus is capable of propelling a tennis ball-sized or baseball-sized projectile at a speed of at least 90 mph.

18. (amended) A pneumatic projectile propulsion apparatus according to claim 17, further comprising [[:

a pressure canister for containing a supply of air for pneumatically propelling a projectile, comprising an exit tube through which a projectile is expelled;

a hopper for supplying projectiles to the canister;]]

a cover that contains [[a]] the blower for supplying air to the canister, the cover being disposed in the hopper, an outlet of the blower being in fluid communication with the canister.

19. (amended) A pneumatic projectile propulsion apparatus according to claim 17, further comprising [[:

a pressure canister for containing a supply of air for pneumatically propelling a projectile, comprising an exit tube through which a projectile is expelled;

a hopper for supplying projectiles to the canister; and]]

a cover that contains [[a]] the blower for supplying air to the canister, the canister being carried by the cover and the hopper being carried by the canister.

20. (new) A pneumatic projectile propulsion apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the exit tube has a length of at least 2.5 feet.

21. (new) A pneumatic projectile propulsion apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the exit tube has a length of at least 4 feet.

22. (new) A pneumatic projectile propulsion apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the canister has a diameter in the range of about 10-16 inches and a length in the range of about 14-24 inches.

23. (new) A pneumatic projectile propulsion apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the blower operates on a voltage of about 120 volts.

24. (new) A pneumatic projectile propulsion apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the blower has a maximum airflow of at least about 102.5 cfm.